

Difficult Problems Require Geophysical Solutions

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Hazardous and Toxic Waste Site Assessments and Hydrogeology Studies

- locate and delineate formerly used landfills
- locate buried waste containers
- investigate contaminant plumes in groundwater
- determine general site geology and hydrogeology
- monitor contaminant appearance at engineered barriers

Unexploded Ordnance

- multi-sensor data integration research for detection and discrimination
- Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) detection
- site characterization for UXO studies
- phenomenological modeling
- emerging technology research and development



Landfill delineation

Typical unexploded ordnance

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Geoarchaeological Investigations

- non-invasive methods
- applicable to cultural resource management
- geologic site characterization
- artifact detection and location
- spatial pattern recognition
- landscape analysis and interpretation



Historic Hawaiian Heiau

Subsurface Cavity and Tunnel Detection

- anomalous seepage assessments for dams, levees, and other water retention structures
- detection and delineation of subsurface cavities
- karst site characterization
- tunnel detection



Buried wreckage located using geophysics

Geotechnical Site Investigations

- site geology and engineering significance
- determination of geotechnical properties
- groundwater detection
- seepage analysis of levees
- seismic and acoustic monitoring and predictions
- seismic safety analysis of dams and levees
- locate underground storage tanks (USTs) and utilities
- rebar detection in concrete
- waterborne geophysics



Folsom Dam and Reservoir



Waterways Explorer



Patoka Dam Cavity



Mormon Island Dam



Electromagnetic survey for underground storage tanks

Geophysical Methods Capabilities

- seismic refraction
- electrical resistivity
- magnetic surveying
- self potential
- downhole geophysical logging
- electromagnetic induction
- microgravity
- ground penetrating radar
- vibratory experiments
- blast monitoring
- seismic crosshole/downhole
- subbottom seismic profiling (waterborne)
- side scan sonar (waterborne)

Other Services Available

- In-house training seminars
- Review geophysical contractor proposals
- Coordinate and oversee geophysical contracts
- Prepare scopes of work



Ground penetrating radar survey to evaluate concrete integrity



Electromagnetic survey for cultural artifacts



Microgravity survey for cavities and voids



Electromagnetic survey for unexploded ordnance